

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SOUTHERN DIVISION

VICTORIA CAREY, MARIE BURRIS,	)	
MICHAEL KISER, and BRENT NIX,	)	
individually and on behalf of all others	)	
similarly situated,	)	
	)	Case No.: 7:17-CV-00189-D
Plaintiffs,	)	Case No.: 7:17-CV-00197-D
	)	Case No.: 7:17-CV-00201-D
v.	)	
	)	
E.I. DUPONT de NEMOURS AND	)	
COMPANY and THE CHEMOURS	)	
COMPANY FC, LLC,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
CAPE FEAR PUBLIC UTILITY	)	
AUTHORITY,	)	
	)	Case No.: 7:17-CV-00195-D
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
THE CHEMOURS COMPANY FC, LLC,	)	
et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
BRUNSWICK COUNTY, a	)	
governmental entity,	)	
	)	Case No.: 7:17-CV-00209-D
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
DOWDUPONT, INC., et al.,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

## **JOINT SIXTH STATUS REPORT**

Pursuant to the Court's order of January 4, 2018, and the parties' January 26, February 2, February 9, February 16, and February 23 status reports, the parties respectfully submit this joint status report in connection with the plaintiffs' motion for expedited discovery.

As described in their prior status reports, the parties are engaged in communications to finalize a sampling protocol that the defendants proposed on January 3, 2018. The parties have exchanged detailed letters regarding the terms of the protocol. Following a telephone conference on Monday, February 12 addressing the a proposed protocol, the parties have continued to discuss further details of a sampling protocol. Most recently, plaintiffs' counsel identified by email on Monday, February 26, 2018 seven outstanding issues to resolve. Counsel for defendants provided a response on each of those issues on March 1, 2018. The parties are working cooperatively to resolve the remaining open items for the protocol, and anticipate that they can likely reach a full agreement on a sampling protocol by March 16, 2018.

In view of these circumstances, the parties respectfully desire to file a further update with the Court on or before Friday, March 16, 2018, regarding the status of the parties' discussions.

Dated: March 2, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 2, 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing JOINT SIXTH STATUS REPORT with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to all counsel of record who have made an appearance in the above-captioned cases.

Dated: March 2, 2018

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